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SELECTED ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.

Subject	Houston city, Texas			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	1,729,162	+/-3,424	1,729,162	(X)
In labor force	1,179,892	+/-4,719	68.2%	+/-0.2
Civilian labor force	1,179,411	+/-4,736	68.2%	+/-0.3
Employed	1,092,642	+/-5,148	63.2%	+/-0.3
Unemployed	86,769	+/-2,547	5.0%	+/-0.1
Armed Forces	481	+/-180	0.0%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	549,270	+/-4,544	31.8%	+/-0.2
Civilian labor force	1,179,411	+/-4,736	1,179,411	(X)
Unemployment Rate	(X)	(X)	7.4%	+/-0.2
Females 16 years and over	867,675	+/-3,247	867,675	(X)
In labor force	520,832	+/-4,139	60.0%	+/-0.4
Civilian labor force	520,750	+/-4,145	60.0%	+/-0.4
Employed	479,872	+/-4,038	55.3%	+/-0.4
Own children of the householder under 6 years	201,355	+/-2,808	201,355	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	119,112	+/-3,074	59.2%	+/-1.3
Own children of the householder 6 to 17 years	340,327	+/-3,265	340,327	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	221,468	+/-3,759	65.1%	+/-1.0
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	1,074,683	+/-5,171	1,074,683	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	819,711	+/-5,521	76.3%	+/-0.4
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	126,007	+/-3,332	11.7%	+/-0.3
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	43,353	+/-1,754	4.0%	+/-0.2
Walked	22,510	+/-1,514	2.1%	+/-0.1
Other means	25,994	+/-1,447	2.4%	+/-0.1
Worked at home	37,108	+/-1,542	3.5%	+/-0.1

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Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.8	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	1,092,642	+/-5,148	1,092,642	(X)
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	374,764	+/-4,308	34.3%	+/-0.4
Service occupations	213,789	+/-3,646	19.6%	+/-0.3
Sales and office occupations	236,728	+/-3,671	21.7%	+/-0.3
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	130,560	+/-3,030	11.9%	+/-0.3
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	136,801	+/-3,454	12.5%	+/-0.3
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	1,092,642	+/-5,148	1,092,642	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	34,169	+/-1,369	3.1%	+/-0.1
Construction	111,259	+/-2,825	10.2%	+/-0.2
Manufacturing	94,342	+/-2,448	8.6%	+/-0.2
Wholesale trade	34,048	+/-1,519	3.1%	+/-0.1
Retail trade	114,993	+/-2,798	10.5%	+/-0.3
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	61,142	+/-2,160	5.6%	+/-0.2
Information	14,544	+/-1,035	1.3%	+/-0.1
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	66,811	+/-1,907	6.1%	+/-0.2
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	157,022	+/-3,143	14.4%	+/-0.3
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	206,425	+/-3,186	18.9%	+/-0.3
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	105,831	+/-2,668	9.7%	+/-0.2
Other services, except public administration	66,218	+/-2,338	6.1%	+/-0.2
Public administration	25,838	+/-1,474	2.4%	+/-0.1
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	1,092,642	+/-5,148	1,092,642	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	916,055	+/-5,749	83.8%	+/-0.3
Government workers	100,343	+/-2,542	9.2%	+/-0.2
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	74,689	+/-2,197	6.8%	+/-0.2
Unpaid family workers	1,555	+/-273	0.1%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2016 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	831,166	+/-3,026	831,166	(X)
Less than \$10,000	68,415	+/-1,805	8.2%	+/-0.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999	49,683	+/-1,541	6.0%	+/-0.2
\$15,000 to \$24,999	105,284	+/-2,514	12.7%	+/-0.3
\$25,000 to \$34,999	95,011	+/-1,709	11.4%	+/-0.2
\$35,000 to \$49,999	116,950	+/-2,607	14.1%	+/-0.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	135,813	+/-2,784	16.3%	+/-0.3
\$75,000 to \$99,999	79,085	+/-2,114	9.5%	+/-0.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	85,750	+/-2,500	10.3%	+/-0.3
\$150,000 to \$199,999	38,688	+/-1,205	4.7%	+/-0.1
\$200,000 or more	56,487	+/-1,493	6.8%	+/-0.2
Median household income (dollars)	47,010	+/-428	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	75,763	+/-679	(X)	(X)
With earnings	705,141	+/-3,470	84.8%	+/-0.3
Mean earnings (dollars)	76,754	+/-661	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	163,909	+/-2,133	19.7%	+/-0.2
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	16,698	+/-158	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	79,343	+/-1,862	9.5%	+/-0.2
Mean retirement income (dollars)	23,847	+/-871	(X)	(X)

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With Supplemental Security Income	38,618	+/-1,270	4.6%	+/-0.2
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	9,049	+/-188	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	13,571	+/-877	1.6%	+/-0.1
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,090	+/-289	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	125,369	+/-2,559	15.1%	+/-0.3
Families	503,996	+/-3,241	503,996	(X)
Less than \$10,000	33,617	+/-1,257	6.7%	+/-0.3
\$10,000 to \$14,999	23,982	+/-1,294	4.8%	+/-0.3
\$15,000 to \$24,999	59,032	+/-1,522	11.7%	+/-0.3
\$25,000 to \$34,999	56,037	+/-1,503	11.1%	+/-0.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	69,872	+/-1,961	13.9%	+/-0.4
\$50,000 to \$74,999	80,609	+/-2,023	16.0%	+/-0.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	50,381	+/-1,575	10.0%	+/-0.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	58,768	+/-1,782	11.7%	+/-0.3
\$150,000 to \$199,999	28,098	+/-1,143	5.6%	+/-0.2
\$200,000 or more	43,600	+/-1,289	8.7%	+/-0.2
Median family income (dollars)	52,127	+/-495	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	86,013	+/-924	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	29,224	+/-264	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	327,170	+/-3,432	327,170	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	37,125	+/-590	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	57,211	+/-907	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	28,031	+/-397	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	40,926	+/-363	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	36,167	+/-423	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	2,226,641	+/-853	2,226,641	(X)
With health insurance coverage	1,663,213	+/-7,242	74.7%	+/-0.3
With private health insurance	1,101,099	+/-8,822	49.5%	+/-0.4
With public coverage	691,141	+/-6,702	31.0%	+/-0.3
No health insurance coverage	563,428	+/-7,140	25.3%	+/-0.3
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	566,808	+/-3,345	566,808	(X)
No health insurance coverage	75,282	+/-2,854	13.3%	+/-0.5
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	1,444,645	+/-3,311	1,444,645	(X)
In labor force:	1,121,189	+/-4,519	1,121,189	(X)
Employed:	1,039,742	+/-4,903	1,039,742	(X)
With health insurance coverage	720,854	+/-6,004	69.3%	+/-0.5
With private health insurance	663,683	+/-6,136	63.8%	+/-0.5
With public coverage	71,485	+/-2,219	6.9%	+/-0.2
No health insurance coverage	318,888	+/-4,853	30.7%	+/-0.5
Unemployed:	81,447	+/-2,443	81,447	(X)
With health insurance coverage	36,053	+/-1,571	44.3%	+/-1.5
With private health insurance	22,349	+/-1,182	27.4%	+/-1.3
With public coverage	14,948	+/-927	18.4%	+/-1.0
No health insurance coverage	45,394	+/-1,884	55.7%	+/-1.5
Not in labor force:	323,456	+/-3,653	323,456	(X)
With health insurance coverage	207,034	+/-3,434	64.0%	+/-0.8
With private health insurance	121,020	+/-2,867	37.4%	+/-0.8

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With public coverage	96,716	+/-2,215	29.9%	+/-0.6
No health insurance coverage	116,422	+/-2,768	36.0%	+/-0.8
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	(X)	(X)	18.8%	+/-0.4
With related children of the householder under 18 years	(X)	(X)	27.9%	+/-0.6
With related children of the householder under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	23.2%	+/-1.5
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	11.3%	+/-0.4
With related children of the householder under 18 years	(X)	(X)	16.6%	+/-0.7
With related children of the householder under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	12.0%	+/-1.3
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	36.8%	+/-1.0
With related children of the householder under 18 years	(X)	(X)	47.6%	+/-1.3
With related children of the householder under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	46.3%	+/-4.2
All people	(X)	(X)	21.9%	+/-0.4
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	34.2%	+/-0.8
Related children of the householder under 18 years	(X)	(X)	34.0%	+/-0.8
Related children of the householder under 5 years	(X)	(X)	35.1%	+/-1.3
Related children of the householder 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	33.5%	+/-0.9
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	17.7%	+/-0.3
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	18.2%	+/-0.3
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	14.2%	+/-0.7
People in families	(X)	(X)	21.3%	+/-0.4
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	24.1%	+/-0.5

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see Accuracy of the Data). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Employment and unemployment estimates may vary from the official labor force data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics because of differences in survey design and data collection. For guidance on differences in employment and unemployment estimates from different sources go to Labor Force Guidance.

Workers include members of the Armed Forces and civilians who were at work last week.

Occupation codes are 4-digit codes and are based on Standard Occupational Classification 2010.

Industry codes are 4-digit codes and are based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The Census industry codes for 2013 and later years are based on the 2012 revision of the NAICS. To allow for the creation of 2012-2016 tables, industry data in the multiyear files (2012-2016) were recoded to 2013 Census industry codes. We recommend using caution when comparing data coded using 2013 Census industry codes with data coded using Census industry codes prior to 2013. For more information on the Census industry code changes, please visit our website at <https://www.census.gov/people/io/methodology/>.

Logical coverage edits applying a rules-based assignment of Medicaid, Medicare and military health coverage were added as of 2009 -- please see https://www.census.gov/library/working-papers/2010/demo/coverage_edits_final.html for more details. The 2008 data table in American FactFinder does not incorporate these edits. Therefore, the estimates that appear in these tables are not comparable to the estimates in the 2009 and later tables. Select geographies of 2008 data comparable to the 2009 and later tables are available at <https://www.census.gov/data/time-series/acs/1-year-re-run-health-insurance.html>. The health insurance coverage category names were modified in 2010. See https://www.census.gov/topics/health/health-insurance/about/glossary.html#par_textimage_18 for a list of the insurance type definitions.

While the 2012-2016 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the February 2013 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) definitions of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas; in certain instances the names, codes, and boundaries of the principal cities shown in ACS tables may differ from the OMB definitions due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities.

Estimates of urban and rural population, housing units, and characteristics reflect boundaries of urban areas defined based on Census 2010 data. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '***' entry in the margin of error column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An '****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
6. An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
7. An 'N' entry in the estimate and margin of error columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.
8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.